Legal Expenses

1828. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount spent on litigation during the period 1st January, 1989 to 31st July, 1991 for conducting cases arising out of disputes with workmen in the Calcutta High Court, Industrial Tribunals and/or Labour Courts as far as IISCO is concerned for Burnpur and Kulti works separately;

(b) how many cases are pending before different courts at Burnpur and Kulti, separately for each works as on date; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the management in these two works for setting these cases out of court ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :) (a) Following amount has been spent on litigation during the period under reference :

Unit	For cases in the High Court (including Workmen's Compensation cases at Durgapur).	For cases in Industrial Tribunal & Labour Court/ Lower Courts.
Burnpur Works	Rs. 9,55,800*	Rs. 88,972
Kulti Works		Rs. 34,114

*Including Kulti, Separate figures for Kulti are not available.

(b) Number of cases pending in different Courts is as follows :

Unit	High Court	Tribunal & Labour Courts	Lower Courts at Asansol	Workmen Compensation cases at Durgapur	Total
Burnpur	80	59	32	64	235
Kulti Works	12	11	26	7	56

(c) A High Power Committee has been constituted by the management to review all cases in order to settle them out-of-court wherever feasible. The Committee will recommend to management all such cases which can be settled out-of-court by mutual agreement of the parties. The work is in progress.

Deaths/disability at IISCO

1829. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of employees who expired while in service or suffered from permanent total disability since 1st

January 1989 till July, 1991 at both the Burnpur Works and Kulti Works of IISCO;

(b) the number of dependents of these employees who have been provided with jobs in Burnpur works and Kulti works respectively with their names and designations in the said period;

(c) what is the number of employees who died due to accidents in course of employments during the above period; and

(d) the dependents of these employees who were provided with jobs in both the works at Burnpur and Kulti with names and designations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) The number of employees who expired while in service during the said period is as below :—

Unit	Persons who expired while in service	Persons who suffered permanent to al disablement
BURNPUR WORKS .	194	12
KULTI WORKS .	48	5

(b) The particulars of dependents employed are as follows:—

Unit	No. of Dependents	Name of Dependent who has been provided employment	Designation
BURNPUR WORKS . . .	14	1. Shri N.P. Hela	Sweeper
		2. Smt. Reena Ghosh	Jr. Ass. (Clerical)
		3. Shri Radhe Shyam Pal	General Labour
		4. Smt. Sumite Bhattacharya	-do-
		5. Smt. Shanti Devi	-do-
		6. Shri Madhuresh Kumar	-do-
		7. Shri Some Nath Mishra	-do-
		8. Smt. Sanjharo Singh	-do-
		9. Smt. Chandra Nag	-do-
		10. Shri Ahmadullah Khan	-do-
		11. Shri Debashish Chakravorty	-do-
		12. Shri Hari Murmu	-do-
		13. Smt. Tatri Domin	Sweeper
		14. Shri Kamala Musahar	-do-
KULTI WORKS		1. Smt. Krishna Mondal	Sweeper

(c) The number of employees who died due to accidents in course of employment is as follows :—

Unit	No. of Employees who died in accidents
BURNPUR WORKS	15
KULTI WORKS	2

(d) The information is as given in part (b) except for Shri N. P. Hela at S. No. 1.

Reopening of Blast furnaces of IISCO

1830. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to reopen the closed Blast Furnaces, Rolling Mills Sheet Mills at the Burnpur works of IISCO;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to rebuild any Blast Furnace and/or coke ovens at Kulti; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) SAIL are at present implementing a phased programme of reopening some of their units closed earlier. The details are as under :

(i) The light Structural Mill, which was closed earlier from September, 1989, has been put back into operation from May, 1991.

(ii) Blast Furnace No. 1, which was shout down since April, 1989, would be relined and put back in operation.

(iii) At present, there is no plan to restart the Sheet Mill.

(c) No, Sir.

Setting up of Central Workshop at IISCO

1831. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to open a Central Workshop at Kulti to cater to the needs of steel plants of the Eastern Zone under SAIL; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any proposal for diversification of products at Kulti ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) There is already a central workshop of the SAIL group at Kulti, catering to the needs of all SAIL Steel Plants.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Late running of trains passing through Madhya Pradesh

1832. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that almost all the trains of Central Railways passing through Madhya Pradesh consistently run late thereby causing inconvenience and losses to the passengers and railway users;

(b) whether Government have prepared any statistics of late running of Central Railway trains through Madhya Pradesh and compared the same with other railway trains passing through the State;

(c) if so, what is the percentage of trains of Central Railway/running late with other railway trains; and

(d) whether Government propose to compensate the passengers who incur losses due to late running of trains to protect consumer right of passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Sometimes, trains do run late which is mostly on account of factors beyond the control of Railways like agitations, alarm chain pulling and accidents.